



# United States Navy

## Los Angeles Port of Embarkation

Today, the Port of Los Angeles (also called Los Angeles Harbor and WORLDPORT L.A) is a port complex that occupies 7,500 acres of land and water along 43 mi of waterfront. The port is located on San Pedro Bay in the San Pedro neighborhood of Los Angeles, approximately 20 miles south of downtown LA.

### Military Corner

The Port of Long Beach is adjacent to the Port of Los Angeles. The two ports compete for business, but cooperate regularly on various areas including security, infrastructure projects and environmental programs. Combined, the number of cargo containers shipped through the two ports rank as the world's sixth busiest port complex.

During World War II, the United States Military operated the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation in Wilmington, from which soldiers and sailors were sent abroad to battle zones. The LAPE was controlled by the San Francisco Port of Embarkation from its inception in 1942 until late 1943 when it became autonomous. The California Shipbuilding Corporation, famous for building victory ships during the war (although usually associated with Terminal Island), operated in Wilmington, as well.

78.58 acres was acquired by fee and permit for the LAPE Station Hospital, an off-post hospital facility that was used to care for Army personnel and their dependents. The medical buildings later became Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital.



*This black and white photograph shows a ship filled with returning soldiers and sailors from the South Pacific at the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation in Wilmington, California. The Port received over 100,000 returning servicemen in December, 1945.*

